

LegSession2013

TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE AND POLICY

Workforce and Career Development Division (WCDD)

Upcoming Hearings and Other News

Legislative Hearings Assigned to WCDD for the Week of May 6, 2013:

None at this time.

Elsewhere at the Capitol:

The Washington State Senate sponsored an event, "Youth and Government" in the Legislative Building on 5/1/13. An estimated of 500 people attended the event.

The "Behind the Badge Foundation" sponsored a public event, "Medal of Honor – Peace Officers Memorial" on 5/2/13. An estimated of 500 people attended the event.

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Legislative Session Terminology Key:

Track: WCDD actively monitors the progress of a bill from introduction through passage and Governor's signature or veto. Tracking includes preparing detailed analyses and monitoring hearings.

Monitor: WCDD staff monitors hearings on bills and/or topics of interest to our system. Reports are prepared and filed with the ESD Government Relations Office.

Assigned: Hearings, bills or committee activities identified as having interest/impact to our system are delegated for monitoring/tracking by WCDD.

Bills being tracked by WCDD:

[SHB 1093](#), [SHB 2029](#), [SB 5754](#), and [SB 5926](#).

Bills not being formally tracked by WCDD that may be of interest to the workforce development community:

[ESHB 1247](#) was signed by the Governor on 5/1/13.

[HB 1887](#) was delivered to the Governor on 4/23/13.

New this week:

Employment Security (ESD) had four agency request bills in the 2013 session, of which three were passed by the Legislature:

[EHB 1396](#) – Adopts short-time compensation provisions in the federal Middle Class Tax Relief and Job Creation Act of 2012 to change ESD's unemployment insurance shared work program. Signed by the Governor on 4/25/13.

[EHB 1394](#) – Authorizes ESD to enter into settlement agreements with employers for less than the amount of taxes, interest, or penalties due when inequitable and against good conscience to demand the full amount. Signed by the Governor on 5/3/13.

[SB 5355](#) – Implements the unemployment insurance integrity provisions of the federal Trade Adjustment Assistance Act of 2011. Delivered to the Governor for signature on 4/24/13.

Update on bills with new activities and/or hearings monitored this week:

[SHB 1093](#) – This state agency lobbying bill was delivered to the Governor on 4/25/13 and is still awaiting his signature.

[HB 2029](#) – This bill to eliminate state economic development agencies, boards, and commissions does not appear to have survived Sine Die by being tagged as "Necessary to Implement the Budget."

[SSB 5754](#) – Though the ASSET bill itself died, elements of the bill are believed to be under consideration in ongoing budget negotiations because it was one of the Governor's legislative priorities and may yet materialize vis-à-vis a budget proviso.

[SB 5926](#) – This bill regarding aerospace competitiveness was read in on 4/26/13.

2013 Session Cutoff:

The 2013 regular legislature adjourned on 4/28/13. However, the Governor has ordered legislators back for a 30-day special session set to commence at 9 am on May 13 to pass operating and capital budgets and policy bills designated NTIB.

